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Ref; 1) From the Bd. of Revenue(CS)U.O.48519.E/48 dated 14-4-1948.

2) From " Ref.No.48519.E/48 d/12-4-48.

TO A.S.

Board's review of the fortnightly report on the food situation for the second fortnight of March at p.1 c.f. and the report at pp.3-10 c.f. and enclosures thereto at pp.11-70 cf. may be perused.

Weather conditions and crop prospects.

Rainfall was fair in Malabar and Tanjore, light in Anantapur, Chittoor, North Arcot, Trichinopoly, Madura, The Nilgiris, and South Kanara, and Nil or negligible in the other districts.

Agricultural operations have been held up in parts of Chittoor North Arcot, Ramnad and Tinnevelly districts for want of rains.

Water supply is inadequate in the districts of Nellore, Chingleput, North Arcot, Salem, Ramnad, Tinnevelly and in parts of Bellary, Anantapur, Cuddapah, Chittoor, Madura and South Kanara districts.

Sowing or transplantation of paddy was proceeding in Madura and in parts of Trichinoploly district. Paddy crop in wet, dry and manavari lands has failed in all taluks in extensive areas in Chingleput district. In South Arcot district paddy crop on an extent of 5,300 acres has failed for want of rains, while in Chittoor district large extents of rainfed paddy have gone shavi in two taluks and failed in parts of one taluk. Wet and dry crops in parts of Tinnevelly district and thepaddy crop in Ramnad district are reported to be withering fro want of rains. Standing crops have also been affected to some extent in parts of Coimbatore district. Cholam crop in parts of Bellary district has been affected by pests. The condition of the standing crops in the other districts of the Province was generally fair.

Harvest of paddy was proceeding in the districts of Cuddapah, South Arcot, Trichinopoly, Tinnevelly and in part of Ramnad, district and of dry crops in Bellary, Anantapur, Cuddapah and Nellore districts.

The outturn of paddy was fair in Cuddapah and Ramnad districts, poor to fair in South Arcot, Trichinopoly and Tinnevelly districts. The outturn of dry drops was fair in Anantapur district, poor to normal in Bellary district and poor to fair in Cuddapah and Nellore districts.

STOCK AND SUPPLY POSITION.

The stock position of foodgrains as was as follows when compared with the previous week.

FOOD GRAINS.		ON 20-3-1948.	ON 27-3-1948.
Rice	..	310276	325762
Wheat	..	4627	4393
Maida	..	834	779
Maize	..	47758/-	45507
Other grains	..	12314/-	14621

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RICE.

Owing to recent conclusion of the harvest of the main crop throughout the province, the stocks in the districts are adequate for the present.

The following quantitites of rice were received during the fortnight:-

From Orissa	881	tons.
From Eastern States	312	tons - -
From Pakistan	5399	tons(ex.s.s. "Mount Kyllene)
Total...	6592	tons

MILLETS INCLUDING MAIZE.

With the large imports of overseas maize and milo, the general supply position of millets is satisfactory in all deficit districts for the present.

Against an allotment of 82 tons of Orissa bajra under the kharif plan 47-48, 47 tons were received during the fortnight.

30,573 tons of overseas maize and 11,927 tons of overseas milo were received in the Province during the fortnight under review. Including these quantities the total receipts of maize and milo during the first quarter ending March 1948, amount to 1,06,444 tons and 19,927 tons respectively.

42 tons of Argentine millets were moved from C.P. to Madras raising the total receipt to 265 tons as against an allotment of 447 tons.

WHEAT AND WHEAT PRODUCTS:- There were no receipts of wheat and wheat products during the fortnight.

The Govt. of India have recently allotted 7,000 tons of wheat to this Province.

PROGRESS OF PROCUREMENT:- During the fortnight ending 15-3-48 a quantity of 71,293 tons of rice and 780 tons of millets were procured in the Province (66649 tons of rice and 98 tons of millets under the Intensive Procurement Scheme) as against 83,949 tons of rice and 313 tons of millets procured in the previous fortnight. There was a fall in procurement in respect of rice and an increase in respect of millets during the fortnight ending 15-3-1948. There was a fall in the total procurement in respect of rice and an increase in respect of millets during the fortnight ending 15-3-1948. The fall in the total procurement was mainly due to the fall in procurement in East Godavari, Guntur, Kistna, Tanjore and Malabar. The deficit districts except Ramnad, Madura and Salem where the Levy Scheme is in force, have done better than in the previous fortnight. The need for the procurement of the surpluses before the end of the havest season has been impeasressed on the Collectors. There has been no change in the procurement policy.

A note on the trend of prices of several commodities in the derationed rural and urban areas and the statements showing the prices of each commodity are at the several centres as are at at pp.11.12 c.f. and pp.13.15 cf. respectively.

Statements showing the particulars of prosecutions and convictions for food offences in the various districts are at pp17-70 c.f.

The case may be circulated to H.M.(Food),H.PW) and H.E.

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TO A.S.

The case may now be sent to the Director of Information and Publicity for perusal and return.

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23-4-48.

Seen, Thanks.

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To
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The papers may now be recorded.

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